

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under CFR 1.83 (a). Applicant's submit herewith a letter to draftsperson with the required corrected drawings.

Applicants thus respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 6-11, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome this rejection thereto. Further, the Applicants feel that the specification, on pages 5-7, provide sufficient enabling disclosure. In particular, one of skill in the art reading understands the terminology in claim 7 that "... a sliding key ... is mounted in the machine housing and connected with a push/pull rod..." and in claim 11 that "...a knob, mounted in the machine housing and on the axis of which, on the inside of the housing, a holding element for the movable element of the bistable switch, rotatable with the knob, is seated." Moreover, regarding claim 11, Figure 3 clearly shows all the elements, namely the inside of the rotatable knob (1) seating the movable element of the bistable switch (4). Regarding claim 7, referring to Figure 4, although the sliding key is not shown, one skilled in the art understands that the gear wheel (10) on the inside of knob (1) can be easily


dispensed with and can be replaced with sliding key (20). Based on the above amendment and above remarks, withdrawal of this rejection to the claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,


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